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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KCK FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegally possessing a firearm.

Brian Dean McKenzie, Sr., 39, of Kansas City, Kan., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **McKenzie** admitted that he was in possession of a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun on June 11, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **McKenzie** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for attempted kidnapping.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Grain Valley, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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